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1966 PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

The twentieth annual session of Pacific Yearly Meeting began with a Meeting for Worship in the chapel of Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, on Sunday afternoon, August 14, 1966. Joy was expressed at being reunited with Friends in this beautiful campus. Following worship, Friends gathered for refreshments and fellowship on the lawn before reconvening for the roll call of Monthly Meetings and the singing of well-loved songs.

STATE OF THE SOCIETY

At the first evening session, recognition was given to Grass Valley, the one new Monthly Meeting established during the past year. The Clerk, Bob Barns, described its growth and development.

Catherine Bruner summarized the State of the Society reports from the Meetings: Our Meetings are composed of strong individuals, and abrasions resulting from their interaction are found everywhere. Much has been learned this year about getting along with one another. The need for deeper worship and vital ministry has been widely expressed, and all Meetings long for a spirit of community. All are aware of the complexity of the problems of our young Friends, and the inadequacies adults feel in communicating with them. There is a real agonizing over Vietnam and what we do about it.

Hugh Campbell-Brown, in speaking of his experiences in India, said that many Indian people are coming to the same experience of Jesus Christ as George Fox when he said, "Christ has come to lead His people Himself." He noted a universal feeling of inadequacy and concern which "drives Friends to very adequate performance." Theology can be a barrier to understanding, but a study of the gospels as they are can greatly benefit any Meeting.

Phillip Wells felt that we are looking for an encounter with God, but equally for an encounter with each other. Friends need the courage to see the world as it really is—and search for the Light in our lives to overcome the evil we see.

Beatrice Crouse reminded us that, just as we have come to Yearly Meeting by different routes, so we come to the Source by different pathways. It is important to share an account of how we have come to our various encounters with God.

Other Friends participated in the spirit of worship created by these messages from members of Ministry and Oversight Committee. Special concern was expressed for the develop-

ment of communication between younger and older Friends. The use of Quaker Dialogues and silent retreats were mentioned as ways of deepening creative listening and sensitivity to one another.

THE PEACE TESTIMONY IN 1966

"We are in trouble everywhere around the world because we do not see ourselves as others see us and we do not see others as they are." With this quotation from James Reston, PYM Peace Committee Chairman Stuart Innerst introduced three Friends to speak on their recent experiences in Vietnam, India, and Latin America, respectively.

Ted Merrill told of his participation in a Vietnam "People to People" medical program in a civilian provincial hospital, describing his two months' work as one of the most rewarding experiences of his life. Even though Americans' attempts to help in Vietnam bring about misunderstandings and difficulties, Ted Merrill concluded with the observation, "What made this experience seem most worthwhile was not so much the opportunity to provide needed medical service as the opportunity for Americans and Vietnamese to encounter each other as individual people, rather than as abstract and stereotyped concepts."

Hugh Campbell-Brown described the many frustrations he found in his four months as a doctor in an Indian hospital, particularly the conflict between advanced Western scientific techniques and the tradition-oriented culture of India. He felt that Westerners should follow the advice of an Indian who said, "Get out, go home, and mind your own business." Indians must solve their problems themselves, but sensitive, personal help is still warmly received.

Elwin Duckles, who has worked for the American Friends Service Committee for 21 years in Mexico, Central and South America, warns Americans that the object of our aid should be to strengthen the institutions of Latin Americans themselves, rather than to impose our

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ways on them. We need to learn how to give the kind of aid that does not produce humiliation.

At the end of the evening, Joseph Kakai, a visiting East African Friend, encouraged us to be optimistic in our efforts at help and reconciliation. We must have hope and remember that personal concern is the basis of Quaker sharing. A gift without love is meaningless.

Stuart Innerst reported on the activities of the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee during the past year, and summarized the responses from those Meetings which replied to a questionnaire that was sent out.

Gretchen Tuthill gave a progress report on the China visitation project that has grown partly out of Russell McArthur's presentation at last Yearly Meeting. She pointed out that since the Chinese government is suspicious of pacifism, religious workers, and any who seem close to political power, it seems best to pursue this undertaking apart from any organization.

Suggestions for Action

Pacific Yearly Meeting approved encouraging Monthly Meetings to consider the following minutes proposed by the Peace Committee:

—Continued support for the Friends in Washington program by both Monthly Meetings and individual Friends, so that the Friends Committee on National Legislation can with confidence actively promote support for the program in other Yearly Meetings. (The Peace Committee was authorized to solicit pledges and contributions for this purpose.)

—The possibility of sending one or more members to Washington for a week to carry the concerns of the Meeting to members of Congress and other government leaders.

—Giving prayerful consideration to the issues raised by the war in Southeast Asia, and undertaking the discipline of formulating a statement of conscience and plans for implementing it locally and as widely as possible.

—Helping young people to be aware of the choices under Selective Service by initiating and supporting efforts to present in the schools and colleges full information regarding legal provisions for conscientious objection.

—Mailing gift packages of medical supplies to the Canadian Friends Service Committee for transmission to the Red Cross Societies of South Vietnam, North Vietnam, and the National Liberation Front. It was recognized that this will involve Monthly Meetings in testing certain Federal laws which forbid extending such relief to the enemy. The PYM Peace Committee was given the responsibility for supplying detailed information to Monthly Meetings on how they can best cooperate in this undertaking.

Letters

The Peace Committee received Yearly Meeting approval for the following messages:

—A night letter to President Johnson and other government officials as follows:

Pacific Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends, in annual session, August 14-18, at McMinnville, Oregon, deeply deplores escalation of war in Vietnam. We strongly urge cessation of bombing, North and South, phased withdrawal of U. S. troops looking toward negotiation with all parties, including National Liberation Front, and United States' complete acceptance of Vietnamese solution of their problems. Full statement follows.

Copies of the Statement on Vietnam (see below) were subsequently sent.

—A message of support to Governor Hatfield of Oregon in appreciation of his statement in opposition to the war in Vietnam, at the Governors' Conference.

Statements

AFSC Statement

The interest group on the American Friends Service Committee asked John Sullivan to prepare, in consultation with others, a statement of information for Yearly Meeting. This resolution and earnest statement was read to the Yearly Meeting by John Sullivan, and accepted with expressions of deep appreciation.

The American Friends Service Committee is currently considering some unprecedented action to respond to the terrible challenge of the war in Vietnam.

President Johnson has told reporters that he does not know and no one can say when the Vietnam fighting will end or how many men will be needed or how long we must persevere. The American people must know, he said, there will be no quick victory but the world must know that we will not quit.

The President and the Vietnam commander, General Westmoreland, have asserted also that there is no indication that the resolve of the leaders in Hanoi has been reduced, but on the contrary the signs point to a continuance of their present pattern of conduct.

It is in recognition of this impasse that at the National Board of Directors of the AFSC last June 8, the Executive Secretary, Colin Bell, expressed deep and urgent concern. The Board named a special committee to meet and consult, and on July 19 that committee reported to a specially called meeting of the National Board. The committee had consulted leading personalities in Washington and left with the view that there is a widespread conviction in Washington that the President is on something like a holy crusade from which he will not easily be deflected. The committee felt despairing about the value of any more appeals to the President. Rather, it felt that there must be a program which calls on us, not the President, for sacrifices. Many Board members responded with the view that words are important but actions are more important than words. They felt they should look into their own hearts and consider with their own families what they should do, even though it might lead to impairment of important family resources, but that was better than sitting idly by while the nation drifts into World War Three. They felt that they should sizably increase the new AFSC program in Vietnam. But they were

reminded that sometimes it may be more truly sacrificial if we share our point of view across the fence with our neighbors or in our communities, rather than only to give money so that someone else can go to Vietnam.

The National Board and other parts of the Service Committee are now weighing what sacrificial financial effort they will ask themselves and other Friends to make as individuals. Corporately, they have already drawn sacrificially on funds set aside for the continuation and development of other program efforts. They are considering an affirmation of conscience on Vietnam and a greatly expanded and enlarged program of peace education and action here and abroad, and of service in Vietnam itself. They have already authorized the recruitment of new personnel and Doris Darnell is here looking for the right people to go to Vietnam. In the affirmation of conscience, September 14, they may decide to call for U. S. military withdrawal from Vietnam since all sides in the war are trapped in intransigence, and prospects for a negotiated settlement have diminished. They feel that they must find the way to say that we must support young men who refuse war service in Vietnam, deny moral sanction to U. S. military intervention in Vietnam and encourage churches and other religious bodies to do the same, support those who refuse their skills as scientists, engineers and administrators to produce instruments of death, encourage citizens and soldiers to consider whether there are moral grounds for them to resist policies or disobey orders that would require them to engage in what their consciences clearly have told them are wrong, assist those who conscientiously resort to civil disobedience on such things as payment of taxes for war purposes, and so on.

They may come to say that we need the help of Quakers everywhere and that we must give of ourselves and our substance in unprecedented ways and in a fashion that shows penitence for involvement in the war and the mass killing in Vietnam. They may propose to find the way to live more simply in the months ahead so as to free resources for the increased responsibilities we face.

The group asked me to say to Yearly Meeting that it is possible to alter one's way of life, to live more simply, to recognize that \$600 of every \$1,000 of income tax we pay supports war expenditures and \$200 of that supports the war in Vietnam. They wanted me to say that the time has come for us to look honestly at our own lives in the light of what is happening in Vietnam.

They wanted me to say that we may want to tithe or tax ourselves for peace and that if our situations are such that we cannot tithe or tax in money, we may be free to rearrange our lives so that we can tithe our time for working as volunteers.

The following two statements were presented by the Peace Committee and, after consideration and revision, were approved by the Yearly Meeting:

Statement on Taxes

Many Friends feel a growing conflict between their testimony for peace and the taxes they pay for war. Friends, individually and together, are encouraged to examine their own economic involvement in creating conditions and institutions of both war and peace.

In the DISCIPLINE of Pacific Yearly Meeting (pp. 41, 42), "Friends are urged to consider carefully the implications of paying those taxes a major portion of which go for military purposes." An increasing number of Friends and like-minded people have been led by conscience to express their protest of such taxes in such ways as the following:

1. By a letter of protest included with their tax payment, in which the religious basis of their objection is explained.

2. By a letter of tax refusal in which the reasons for refusing to pay all or part of the tax are set forth.

3. By a formal request for return of taxes paid under protest, or of taxes and penalties which have been seized from the resources of tax refusers.

4. By bringing suit against the government for recovery of such taxes when such requests for return are denied. Technical information regarding this is available from the Peace Committee.

5. By refusing to file an income tax form and sending a letter of explanation.

6. By refusing to pay the 7% telephone tax recently added to monthly telephone bills to help finance the budget deficit caused by Vietnam, and sending a letter explaining this action.

7. By pledging not to buy automobiles and other items on which the increased excise tax for Vietnam is levied.

8. By lowering their income below the taxable level and informing the government that this is a protest against war taxes.

Whether or not Friends are moved to such acts of protest as these, they are urged to take all possible deductions when filing income tax returns. Such deductions not only reduce taxes paid for war, but make available additional money which can be invested in Friends' work for peace.

Believing that effective protest is grounded in the vision and enthusiasm of affirmation and positive action, some Meetings are assisting their members in sending a self-imposed tax of 1% of income each year to the United Nations. Individual Friends have been moved to contribute each month to the United Nations and the American Friends Service Committee a voluntary tax for peace equal to the amount they now pay in taxes used for military purposes.

While it is recognized that such acts of protest or affirmation are ultimately matters of individual conscience, Friends would encourage concerned individuals among them in their efforts to act in harmony with the light of conscience, and would support them in such acts as they are led by the Spirit to take. To this end meetings are urged to make information about possible courses of action available to concerned members and to counsel and assist those members seeking to act on their concerns about payment of war taxes.

Statement on Vietnam

We are aware that there is widespread anguish over the war in Vietnam, and that this anguish is shared by Americans, Vietnamese, and men of other nations; by those who support the war, those who oppose it, and those who are undecided. We share that anguish with our fellow men, whatever position they may hold with regard to the war itself.

We believe that the United States government is profoundly mistaken in the course of action upon which it is currently embarked in Asia. It has violated many of the moral values which we have cherished. It has violated the U.S. Constitution, the U.N. charter, the SEATO Treaty, and its own assurances regarding the 1954 Geneva accords; violations which have flouted not only those legal ordinances in themselves, but also whatever sense of security men were previously able to feel in the existence of those laws. And in so doing it has undermined the beginnings of the institutions of international order.

Furthermore, men can no longer safely rely on the truth of statements issued by the United States government. This impairs the basic trust essential to free democratic government. We cannot be sure of the real purpose of U.S. policy in Southeast Asia, and are led to wonder whether it seeks long-term domination in Asia. Are the domestic implications of this action merely one step in the control of the United States itself by an undemocratic minority? Even the right of dissent has been attacked by men in high places.

We are troubled by the automatic opposition of many Americans to social revolution in Asia and elsewhere, by the equally automatic identification of such revolution with Communism, and by the government's reliance upon violence to meet the challenge of Communism.

We recognize that many U.S. families depend for their livelihood on the defense industry. Many more are on the payroll of the military forces. We urge the changes within our national policy that will deliver men from the uneasy feelings of supporting and perpetuating the war system, and set them free to engage in peaceful pursuits.

American leaders have assured us, with each new escalation, that this particular measure is the one that will bring the situation under control. Each such step inevitably leads us closer to nuclear holocaust, with its peril to the very future of human society. Even short of such total human destruction, American violence in Asia creates a legacy of hatred toward our children on the part of other men.

We respect the personal courage of our young men and women, whatever individual course of action they choose for themselves in the current situation. We call upon our national leaders to act with the same degree of courage in making the difficult decisions which they face. We know, from other experiences, that American leaders are capable of bold vision and human sensitivity. We call upon them to act on their own past statements that war is no longer a morally or practically defensible instrument of national policy. In the spirit of love and truth, it is their actions that we condemn, and not the men themselves. At this critical point in human history, we call upon all men to turn toward the good, devoting their energy and resources in an international cooperative effort to develop Southeast Asia for the welfare of its people. Abandoning unilateral military action and broadening international cooperation for constructive purposes will go far to revitalize and strengthen existing international institutions and world order. The moral greatness of America will rise, rather than fall, if this military adventure is abandoned. We urge a departure from the ways of direct and indirect violence. We urge this upon the leaders of other countries as well as our own. We believe that violence on the part of one nation is in no way justified by the violence of another. But recognizing that our leaders should properly be responsive to us, let us summon them.

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT

Proposed minutes on three concerns of the Yearly Meeting Social Order Committee—on Population Control, Ratification of the Human Rights Convention, and setting up regional conferences on the Social Order—were approved. Details of these proposals are given in the following committee report.

There is a tendency in people to think that things are all right, and to substitute this feeling for reality. The reality of our world, how-

ever, is that we live in an age of unprecedented violence, and one which faces the prospect of increasing disorder. We live, in short, in a world in which several revolutions of the relations of man to his environment and to himself are transpiring at once — revolutions which cause the political revolutions of the past fifty years to appear as relatively minor incidents within the context of the whole.

We live in a world in which change is now occurring with such force and rapidity that, as the New York Yearly Meeting Epistle notes, we scarcely perceive its direction.

In this context, the Social Order Committee believes that Pacific Yearly Meeting, as a major, organized body of Friends, should concern itself more seriously with a deliberate effort to bring the religious and social testimonies of the Society of Friends to bear on the problems of our desperately disturbed world social order.

The Society of Friends has intrinsic value which causes it to be a central part of our life, and, as is true of people from other persuasions, we are concerned to express our faith in personal life; these facts, however, are not inconsistent with a serious and sustained effort, as an organized body, to bring our religious and social principles into relationship with the overwhelming problems of a newly emerging world order.

With this statement as preface, we propose the following minutes and actions by Pacific Yearly Meeting:

Minute of Concern on Population Control

Seeking further means of nurturing each man's dignity and cognizant of each man's divine potential, Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends recognizes that uncontrolled and unplanned human reproduction is destructive, socially and personally.

It is our belief that control of reproduction is a part of the orderliness of personal, family, and public life that is vital to individual emotional stability, to national well-being, and to international peace. Unrestrained human reproduction precludes stability, causes population pressures that result in wars, and can create homes so deficient materially that children are unwanted, rejected, or, of necessity, deprived. We believe that limiting family size is the right and obligation of the parents and contributes to homes of love and acceptance.

We commend the governments of Canada and the United States for their efforts to enhance and prolong life. We also recognize that extending life expectancy in an over-populated world, in the absence of birth control, contributes significantly to further decline of living standards and to the disproportion of food resources to humanity, already crucially low in many parts of the world.

Therefore, we urge the governments of Canada and the United States to continue demographic and other research, and to provide contraceptive measures, as well as medical and social counsel on birth control, in order to secure for mankind a favorable balance of population and natural resources.

(Copies of this minute were sent to President Johnson, Prime Minister Pearson, Senators from the Western states, and others in the U.S. and Canada agreed upon by the Social Order Committee.)

Minute of Concern on the Failure of the United States to Ratify the Human Rights Conventions

Because we feel that the United States should be among the leaders of the United Nations in support and extension of human rights, Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) urges the immediate ratification of the four Conventions on Human Rights presented to the Senate. These are: (1) the Convention on Genocide; (2) the Convention on the Political Rights of Women; (3) the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery; and (4) the Convention Concerning the Abolition of Forced Labor. We ask that the United States ratify these promptly.

(Copies of this minute were sent to President Johnson, the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Senators from the Western states.)

Conferences on the Social Order

As a way to respond to the part of the Seventh Query which reads: "What are you doing to create a social and economic system which will so function as to sustain and enrich life for all?" the Social Order Committee proposes to encourage and aid regional Meetings to conduct conferences on the social order, with emphasis on economic organization and relationships. Such regional conferences will be followed, if feasible, by a Yearly Meeting conference on the social order under direct sponsorship of the Social Order Committee. Participation will not be limited to Friends.

Race Relations Conference

Caroline Estes is continuing to attend the planning sessions for the Friends National Conference on Race Relations, which may decide to convene its 1969 conference on the West Coast. The Committee requested a budget of \$400, of which \$150 is earmarked for expenses of our delegate to the Race Relations Conference.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following minutes, brought forward from Representative Committee sessions, were approved by the plenary session:

Junior Friends Advisors. Ellen Hubbe, Jeanne Etter, and Jean Young were approved as advisors to Junior Yearly Meeting in place of appointees unable to serve.

Nominating Committee. Approval was given to the appointment of Walt Raitt to serve on the Nominating Committee until 1968, in place of Crystalle Davis.

1967 Yearly Meeting. Claremont Men's College was approved as the site of 1967 Pacific Yearly Meeting, with an urgent request that the Arrangements Committee try to find facilities for camping or other low-cost housing.

Bulletin. The Bulletin Committee was authorized to find a new editor for the Bulletin as soon as possible, to serve on an interim basis until approved by the Executive Committee next March.

Bank Accounts. Official authorization was given to the Bulletin editor or Bulletin Committee chairman to set up funds in a checking account in a bank convenient to the editor.

Signatories for withdrawal of other checking account funds may be the presiding Clerk, Treasurer, or Finance Committee Chairman.

The same two provisions apply also to savings accounts.

William Penn House. Plans for establishment of a center in Washington, D.C., for use as a gathering place for Friends on national concerns, were announced. Meeting approved a donation of \$100 for this center, which will be known as William Penn House, and also asked Nominating Committee to name a representative to the Consultative Board.

Friends Schools Committee. The ad hoc committee on Friends Schools was changed to a standing committee, which will be asked to act in a consultative capacity for persons involved in Friends schools in the area of Pacific Yearly Meeting, on boards, in administration and in teaching, and to give consideration to an annual conference open to such persons.

"New Ways" Committee. It was approved that the Committee to Explore New Ways of Bringing Friends Together in Meetings continue for another year with Monthly and Regional Meetings asked to review and prepare comments on the report for the committee.

Children's Program. Ruth Dart Smith was asked to develop a three-year Yearly Meeting program for children, with a budget of \$200 for the first year. The proposed program will be presented to Executive Committee for final

approval in March, 1967. Ruth Smith asked for suggestions in writing to assist her in plans for this project.

Friends World Conference. Approval was given to the nomination of Josiah Russell (New Mexico Quarterly Meeting) and Sakiko Okubo (Honolulu Monthly Meeting), plus an unnamed member of Mexico City Monthly Meeting, to serve as alternate delegates to the Fourth Friends World Conference.

FRIEND IN WASHINGTON

We were fortunate in having Edward Snyder, Executive Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, at Pacific Yearly Meeting with us. At one plenary session, he gave a resume of the Friend in Washington project and our Yearly Meeting's role in it. Stuart Innerst, Cecil Thomas, and Ben and Madge Seaver served in this capacity at different times, working in the areas of civil rights, China policy, Vietnam, and support for the United Nations.

Edward Snyder notes that something more than letter-writing is essential to influence Congressmen, and urged Friends to become more active in political and community matters, in order that their statements bear as much weight as possible.

Robert Vogel reminded Friends of the annual Traveling Seminar to take place next spring, and urged Monthly Meetings to encourage individuals to participate.

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

At the Tuesday morning plenary session, Charles Cooper gave a lively presentation of the history and purposes of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, and how it functions internationally, in the American section, and in our Yearly Meeting. He reminded Friends that the FWCC publishes materials useful to groups and individuals, which are available through Monthly Meetings. He paid particular tribute to Rega Engelsberg, long a devoted worker in the World Committee, and her dream of a West Coast office to provide the unifying program services the FWCC offers.

Plans for the Fourth Friends World Conference to be held at Guilford College, July 25 through August 3, 1967, were also outlined by Charles Cooper. He mentioned the book, **No Time But This Present**, compiled as an advance document for the conference, and urged that Monthly Meetings study and discuss it, and send in their comments by October 1. Those representatives to the World Conference who were present at Yearly Meeting were introduced. Questions following Charles Cooper's presentation were answered by the four World Committee members who were at Yearly Meeting.

OPEN MEETING ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

(This meeting was greatly enriched by the presence and participation of Henry Cadbury, some of whose comments are included below, identified by "H.C.")

Uppermost in our thoughts as we gathered together was careful consideration of the vocal ministry. One Young Friend asked how we know when to speak. Do we all experience the pounding of the heart, the trembling? Is this a reliable guide? H.C.: This depends on the temperament and experience of the individual; it is not an infallible criterion.

Do we feel a "call"? In what way are we faithful to it? And is it important whether or not the message seems relevant? Perhaps the answer is that if you are really a part of the silence, what you have to say seems to slip into it without damaging it. Is there ever a danger of failing the Meeting by not speaking? H.C.: There may be. But remember that you may also fail the Meeting if you do speak.

What about those who speak too often or too long? (Many suggestions were given about how to manage this recurring problem. As is usual with Quakers exploring this question, the answers correlated with the temperaments of those speaking: Some were acutely aware of the possible hurt feelings of the recipient of any edifying; others were equally aware of potential damage to the life of the Meeting for Worship if nothing is done.)

How do we listen to the ministry? Do we remember that a message that does not speak to one's own condition may speak to another's?

One worship group went through a spontaneous phase of maintaining silence throughout the hour of worship, then sharing worshipful thoughts after the Meeting. This technique might be helpful to Meetings overloaded with visitors who regard the Meeting for Worship as a forum. However, it might be equivalent to letting visitors decide the relative amount of silence during Meeting. On the other hand, they should not determine the amount of vocalization, either, especially if they do not understand the basis of Quaker worship.

What about families with children, and the often harried atmosphere in which they struggle to get to Meeting for Worship? One family rises unusually early on Sunday, arriving at the

Meeting House in time for a calming stroll to absorb the beauties of nature before worship time.

Do the children stay for part or all of the worship hour? Meetings seem increasingly to find it possible for most children to remain the entire hour. But how to do this and be sensitive to the needs of growing children not to be pressured? Perhaps if our children really sense that the experience is vivid and vital to us, and that we yearn for them to share in the joy, they will understand that here is an experience worth sacrificing something for, to be a part of in their growing years. They may realize that only later can they assess the values involved, trusting us enough to try it now, even if short-term rewards are not always forthcoming.

What do we do, not only in the hours but in the days before, to come to Meeting "with hearts and minds prepared?" Is there a feeling of awareness and anticipation? One Friend holds the members of her Meeting in her consciousness during the hours before worship. May one come in turmoil, needing to receive rather than give? If so, what sort of spiritual preparation is possible? And can one sometimes come in just a blank state? Would one continue that way during the hours of worship? What is worship and what is meditation? H.C.: There are two views in the Society of Friends: one, that vocal ministry comes out of mystical provision, and the 2nd, that as sophisticated people we must recognize that each ought to use our best judgment; this is half rational and half suprarational. As to preparation, if I do not find myself inwardly prepared, as I sit in Meeting, for a potential message, I feel that there is something wrong. It doesn't matter whether it turns out that I should give the message or not. Two out of three times I do not give it. But if I sit there and there is just nothing in my mind and heart, something is amiss . . . As to terms, I don't think defining worship or meditation is helpful. In telling our children about what really happens in Meeting for Worship, we must just be honest with them. Do we tell our children that we worship for sixty minutes of the hour? Or off and on? Maybe we assume too much that we know what worship is like. I don't mind a mixture of meditation on social concerns and contemplation of the divine. Do what seems appropriate. This may not be wise but it is at least honest. But, if we are centered down, then off and on, for short periods during the hour, we rise to something we might really call worship . . .

Our hearts were tendered by this reminder of our most holy shared experience, and we closed the meeting in silent meditation.

—GRETCHEN S. RUDNICK, *La Jolla Meeting*

EPISTLE

To Friends around the World:

Pacific Yearly Meeting sends warm and loving greetings.

Our Yearly Meeting in McMinnville, Oregon, this year has found peace and gladness in the midst of an awesome world of violent, conflicting forces. These forces impinge upon us especially here, for we must struggle to find understanding, to find adequate responses to the violence, to find ways to demonstrate the value of peaceful solutions. We must strive to sustain each other as we search. We treasure the bonds of kinship which link us in the knowledge that Friends everywhere are engaged with us in the same struggle.

We are particularly awed and shaken by the immensity of what is required of us. Confronted by the policy of violence which the United States government employs toward weaker nations, we are caught in the contradiction of being anguished and yet unable to extricate ourselves from our responsibility and involvement. We are part of the fabric of our society, and the sins of our government are upon our shoulders. We fear that our mildly said "No" is equivalent to acceptance. Though we are convinced of the relevance of our peace testimony and of the truth we speak, feelings of impotence and frustration too easily make us prisoners. We continue to look for imaginative ways to break through this dilemma.

Faced with such staggering tasks, we are lonely. We worship together and wait together on God. Yet ultimately each of us must choose his own response to the will of God as he is led to bear witness through his own life.

Perhaps this is why we sense in ourselves so strong an undercurrent of longing for real community. We yearn for openness to each other, for communication far beyond words. We hear over and over the phrase, "If people would only **listen** to each other." We have faith that such community of love and wonder can be built in our Meetings, and we are heartened by the sense of urgency impelling us. Even now, we can see that beginnings have been made, though time and patience and active cultivation are needed for them to develop. We have much to learn and many directions to explore. For this reason, we value our Quaker principle of distrusting facile answers.

In seeking growth in community, we are also aware of how easy it is to become engrossed in the ideal and so lose sight of what we have, what we are, what is now. We are part of the human family and want always to hold fast to that—to feel both the joy and sadness which come with being human. It is essential that we learn to look at ourselves and each other and the present moment with "listening, struggling love."

We value our young Friends. Having them in our meetings has been a refreshing strength, stimulating and revealing both to them and to us. We have spent time in discussing Quaker family relationships and have been grateful for the openness with which Friends of all ages have been able to share their insight and experience. We can see that barriers to communication, though real, are not insurmountable. The community of Friends we seek, young Friends seek, too.

As a young Yearly Meeting, we have tried to preserve the implications of Friends' traditions without being bound by the past. Perhaps in time we can all achieve the flexibility to accept new ways of seeing and doing. Having had Henry Cadbury with us here for this time has given us fresh strength to continue, seeking the spirit rather than adhering to the letter.

In loving fellowship,

—MADGE SEAVER, Clerk

YOUNG FRIENDS EPISTLE

To Friends Everywhere:

In coming to Pacific Yearly Meeting, the Young Friends put themselves in a position to reach towards each other. In doing so we expose ourselves to both pain and joy. This is hard to do. One evening Foy Van Dolsen, a special adult Friend, gave us an awareness of ourselves through creative games based on imagination. The next afternoon we went on a silent hike ending with Quaker Dialogues on a grassy hill. In the evening we discussed with several adult Friends the attitudes they have developed through their seeking.

Our silence has been at times a retreat from one another and at times a gathering. Perhaps we do glimpse more clearly what we have not yet done among ourselves or in our lives which lie beyond the few days we have shared together here.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting Young Friends,

—PAT STEVENS, Clerk

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING EPISTLE

To Friends Everywhere:

We as Junior Friends are searching.

Love is our bond with one another and the world. The free sharing of ideas led all to a better understanding of each other. Quaker Dialogues provided a bitter-sweet experience in self-revelation. Through the guidance of Henry Cadbury, Phil Wells, and Hank Maiden, we have been seeking, together. We see hope and despair. We feel joy at being together and sadness at parting.

Dancing
 bare feet,
 loving hands
 clasped,
 happy faces
 trying to
 smile,
 Sweet pounding
 guitars,
 singing voices
 shouting attention,
 SILENCE.
 the
 Warm sun.
 a
 whistling bird.
 What is there

left
 of us
 when our thoughts
 are
 Our own.
 Happiness from
 the discovery
 of the
 Day?
 No . . . sleep
 that
 we
 had forgotten
 in the
 confusion
 of
 night.

On behalf of Pacific Junior Yearly Meeting,

—LEYTON JUMP, Clerk

MEMORIALS

On Wednesday evening, Meeting gathered in loving memory of Friends who had died since we last met. Fermor Church read memorial minutes for these Friends:

Mildred Acord (Claremont Meeting)
 Winifred Beach (University Meeting)
 Rega Engelsberg (Orange Grove Meeting)
 Monica Brown Holliday (Vancouver Meeting)
 Olive Hoyt (Claremont Meeting)
 Edna James (Palo Alto Meeting)

Alice Steere Kirk (Pima Meeting)
 Emily Strong Mills (College Park Meeting)
 Ernst Paulsen (San Francisco Meeting)
 Rose Scott (University Meeting)
 Stephanie Ullman (La Jolla Meeting)
 Sybil Weddle (La Jolla Meeting)

Following a memorial worship period, Friends who had been participating in the choral group sang selections from Mendelssohn's **Elijah**.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING APPOINTMENTS

Presiding Clerk..... Madge Seaver (San Francisco)
Assistant Clerk..... Reginald Price (Sacramento)
Reading Clerk..... Harlow Mills (Orange Grove)
Recording Clerk.. Richard Manners (Pacific Ackworth)
Statistical Secretary..... Mildred Burck (Corvallis)
Treasurer..... Robert Young (Pacific Ackworth)
Young Friends Clerk..... Helen Dart (Eugene)

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

Edward Thatcher (Eugene), Chairman
 Annis Bleeke (Multnomah)
 Richard Broughton (Calgary)
 Virginia Harris (San Francisco)
 Grace Lawrence (Corvallis)
 Jeanne Lohmann (San Francisco)
 William Matchett (University)
 Alice Miles (University)
 Georgeanna Nuhn (Claremont)
 Liesl Skorpen (Reno)
 Shirley Tweed (La Jolla)
 Alice Dart (Eugene) (Editor) ex officio

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Term Expires

Esther Richards (Multnomah), Chairman..... 1967
 Edris Cooper (Santa Barbara)..... 1968
 Alura Dodd (University)..... 1967
 JoAnn Martin (College Park)..... 1967
 Clifford Maser (Corvallis)..... 1968
 Ferner Nuhn (Claremont)..... 1968

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Gerri House (Orange Grove), Chairman
 Lois Bailey (Southern Calif. Quarterly)
 Elizabeth Church (New Mexico Quarterly)
 Mary Etter (Willamette Quarterly)
 Barbara Fritts (Arizona Half-Yearly)
 Clarence Lack (College Park Quarterly)
 Emma Martinez de Moreno (Mexico City)
 Christina Taran (Northwest Quarterly)
 Betty Tillotson (Delta)
 Mary Welch (Delta)
 Member to be appointed (Honolulu)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Term Expires

Paton Crouse (Eastside), Chairman..... 1968
 Dan Blickenstaff (John Woolman School)..... 1969
 Dorelen Bunting (Albuquerque)..... 1967
 Frank DuBois (University)..... 1967
 Otto Heck (Berkeley)..... 1968
 Robert McInnes (Davis)..... 1969
 Mildred Burck (Corvallis)..... Ex officio
 Robert Young (Pacific Ackworth)..... Ex officio

FRIENDS SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Helen Stevenson (Argenta), Chairman
 Harold Carson (Eastside)
 Anna Cox (Whitleaf)
 Olivia Davis (La Jolla)
 Paul Davis (Corvallis)
 Anne Hubbell (Santa Barbara)
 Edwin Morgenroth (Orange Grove)
 William Scott (Reno)
 Alan Strain (Palo Alto)
 Foy Van Dolsen (Claremont)
 Marjorie Wells (Orange Grove)
 Phillip Wells (Pacific Ackworth)
 Chloe Winans (Pacific Ackworth)

FRIENDS IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE

Gretchen Tuthill (La Jolla), Chairman
 David Bassett (Honolulu)
 David and Catherine Bruner (Delta)
 Sang Dal Cha (Los Angeles)
 Arthur Currier (Palo Alto)
 Russell McArthur (Calgary)
 Reginald Price (Sacramento)
 Margaret Simkin (Los Angeles)

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Caroline Estes (Berkeley), Chairman
 Eubanks Carsner (Riverside)
 Ben Darling (University)
 Peter Gulbrandsen (Berkeley)
 Anna James (Monterey Peninsula)
 Vern James (Palo Alto)
 Herbert Jones (College Park)
 Margaret Lorenz (Vancouver)
 Phillip Wells (Pacific Ackworth)

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Term Expires

Catherine Bruner (Delta), Chairman..... 1967
 Margaret Brooks (Davis)..... 1968
 Beatrice Crouse (Eastside)..... 1968
 Hugh Campbell-Brown (Vancouver)..... 1968
 Fermor Church (Santa Fe)..... 1967
 Crystalle Davis (Corvallis)..... 1967
 James Goodwin (Marloma)..... 1968
 Kenneth Morgan (San Fernando)..... 1968
 Margaret Simkin (Los Angeles)..... 1967
 Jane Webster (Pima)..... 1967
 Phillip Wells (Pacific Ackworth)..... 1968

NEW WAYS OF BRINGING FRIENDS**TOGETHER IN MEETINGS**

Phillip Wells (Pacific Ackworth), Chairman
 Judy Bruff (Whitleaf)
 Catherine Bruner (Delta)
 Lucille Byerly (Eugene)
 Harold Carson (Eastside)
 Herbert Foster (Fresno)
 Sue Hogenauer (University)
 Gretchen Rudnick (La Jolla)
 Monette Thatcher (Eugene)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Term Expires

Clara Shaw (Tacoma), Chairman until..... March 1967
 Esther Dodson (Whitleaf)..... March 1967
 Isaiah Meyer (Sacramento)..... March 1967

Alternates:

Paula Hurn (Phoenix)
 Helen Stevenson (Argenta)
 Scott Longenecker (Pac. Ackworth),
 Chairman after 3/67..... March 1968
 Nina Dodd Lawrence (University)..... March 1968
 Walt Raitt (Delta)..... March 1968

Alternates:

Robert McInnes (Davis)
 Jane Webster (Pima)
 Anna James (Monterey Peninsula)..... March 1969
 Margaret Oettinger (Salem)..... March 1969
 Charles Swift (Santa Monica)..... March 1969

Alternates:

Alice Dart (Eugene)
 John Ullman (La Jolla)

PEACE COMMITTEE

Stuart Innerst (La Jolla), Chairman
 Membership composed of chairmen of regional Peace Committees and representatives from Honolulu and Mexico City Monthly Meetings. In addition, each of these will appoint one additional member from the region. (Exec. Comm. Minute 21, 3/66)

PERMANENT SITE COMMITTEE

Caroline Estes (Berkeley), Chairman
 Harry Bailey (San Fernando)
 Robert Barns (Grass Valley)
 Edward Thatcher (Eugene)

PYM HOLDING CORPORATION Term Expires
 Vern James (Palo Alto), President1969
 Herbert Jones (College Park), Vice-Pres.1969
 Paton Crouse (Eastside)1967
 Francis Duvencak (Palo Alto)1967
 Charles Hornig (College Park)1968
 E. Kellogg Peckham (Orange Grove)1968
 Stephen Thiermann (Palo Alto)1967
 Madge Seaver (San Francisco) Ex officio
 Robert Young (Pacific Ackworth) Ex officio

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE
 John Ullman (La Jolla), Chairman
 Dorene Barns (Grass Valley)
 Richard Broughton (Calgary)
 Emily Burns (Orange Grove)
 Eubanks Carsner (Riverside)
 Richard Derby (Sacramento)
 Barbara Elbrandt (Pima)
 Herbert Foster (Fresno)
 Rosemary Goodenough (Palo Alto)
 Maury Gutkin (Pacific Ackworth)
 Kenneth Holmes (Salem)
 Anne MacKinney (San Fernando)
 Joan Pier (College Park)
 William Scott (Reno)
 Sandra Turner (Berkeley)
 Foy Van Dolsen (Claremont)

VISITATIONS COMMITTEE
 Gretchen Rudnick (La Jolla), Chairman
 Francis and Alice Dart (Eugene)
 Van Ernst (San Francisco)
 Richard Ernst, Jr. (San Francisco)
 James Estes (Berkeley)
 Janet Jump (Multnomah)
 Richard and June Manners (Pacific Ackworth)
 Francis McAllister (Orange Grove)
 Ward and Alice Miles (University)
 David Miles (University)
 Betty Parker (Orange Grove)

REPRESENTATIVES TO FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS
American Friends Service Committee Term Expires*
 Olive Goodykoontz (Phoenix)1967
 John Ullman (La Jolla)1967
 Arnold True (Palo Alto)1968
 Charles Ludwig (University)1968
 *Appointment runs to close of AFSC Corporation annual meeting for year listed.

Friends Committee on National Legislation Term Expires
 Margaret Brooks (Davis)1967
 Richard Bruner (Sacramento)1968
 Frances McAllister (Orange Grove)1969
Friends General Conference
 Kristina Bradwell (Berkeley)
Friends United Meeting
 Ferner Nuhn (Claremont)
 — Fraternal representative to 1969 session.

Friends World Committee Term Expires
 Virginia Heck (Berkeley)1967
 Nina Dodd Lawrence (University)1968
 Charles Cooper (Santa Barbara)1969
 Clifford Maser (Corvallis)1970
 Hazel Legge (Vancouver)1971

Penn House - Washington, D. C.
 Floyd Schmoe (University)
Young Friends of North America
 Eleanor Dart (Eugene)
 Megan Mersman (Palo Alto)
 Ralph Nussbaum (Portland Worship Group)
 Eric Rumsey (Portland Worship Group)

PACIFIC JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING
Clerk Ken Lynd (John Woolman School)
Assistant Clerk Kathy Scott (Tacoma)
Junior High Clerk Nina Leshan (La Jolla)
Recording Clerk Judy Blickenstaff (Grass Valley)
Recorder Susan Van Dyke (Corvallis)
Treasurer Dan Blickenstaff (Grass Valley)
Arrangements Chairman . . . Laurie Leshan (La Jolla)
Communications Chairman . . . Kate Willard (Eastside)

Ministry and Counsel Committee:
 Paul Dart (Eugene), Chairman
 Joy Stevens (Delta)
 Bonnie Pinney (Orange Grove)
 Ken Lynd (John Woolman School)
 Nina Leshan (La Jolla)

Peace and Social Action
 Janet Jump (Multnomah)

Advisors:
 Junior High: Norman and Ednah Illsley (Claremont)
 Senior High: Harold Carson (Eastside)
 Dorothy Procter (Palo Alto)

1966-67 OPERATING BUDGET
 (and Comparison with 1965-66)

	Budgeted 1965-66	Budget 1966-67	Actual 1965-66
INCOME			
BUDGETED ITEMS:			
Contributions from Meetings	\$10,600	\$10,089	\$11,025
Cont. from individuals, and interest	450	594	600
Books and literature (net)	175	144	150
Contributions for FWC Travel	250		
Young Friends (net)		27	
Other items	275		
NON-BUDGETED RECEIPTS:			
Friends in the Orient (net)		1,244	
From Reserve			345
Totals	\$11,750	\$12,098	\$12,120

	Budgeted	Budget	Actual
DISBURSEMENTS			
BUDGETED ITEMS:			
Bulletin (net)	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,066	\$ 1,600
Yearly Meeting session (net)	450	(221)	900
Young Friends (net)			100
Junior Yearly Meeting (net)	200	132	280
Travel - representatives, officers, chairmen	2,800	2,314	2,800
Clerk's Travel Fund	400	140	400
Expenses of Clerk, Sec'y, Treas.	1,250	193	600
Insurance			200
Legal and Incorporation	250	150	200
Committees:			
Discipline	100		100
Education	500	44	50
Finance	10	7	10
History	150		100
Ministry and Oversight	800	641	800
Peace, incl. conf. travel, reg.	335	335	350
Prior Year Budget Usage	175	175	

Social Order, incl. Race Relations Conference	200		400
Visitation	200	250	200
New Ways of Bringing Friends Together in Meetings			
Friends Schools		81	400
Permanent Site			250
			50
Conference Travel:			
Plan "A" Regular:			
Friends World Comm. for Consultation	500	500	500
American Friends Service Committee	250	250	250
Friends Comm. on National Legislation	250	250	250
Friends United Meeting	80	80	80
Friends General Conference	125	250	125
Plan "B" Irregular:			
Misc. Reserve (Clerks Travel Fund)			
Guilford Conference Reserve	500	500	500
	250	250	250
Support of Friends Organizations:			
Young Friends Comm. of North America	25	25	25
Friends World Comm. (incl. Race Rel. Conf.)	350	350	350
Friends World Comm. (U. N. Program)	100	100	100
William Penn House, Washington, D.C.			100
NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE:			
Mississippi Burned Church Reconstruction (net)			230
Totals	\$11,750	\$ 8,092	\$12,120

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Actual Transactions 7-1-65 — 6-30-66 Detail	Fiscal Budget for the Year Revised *	
INCOME			
BUDGETED ITEMS:			
Contributions from Meetings	\$10,089	\$10,600	
Contributions from Individuals— General	\$ 110		
Contributions for Visitation Committee	50		
Interest	434	594	450
Books and Literature— Receipts	978		
Disbursements	834	144	175
Contributions for F.W.C. Travel Transfer from Reserves and from 6-30-65 balance:		-0-	250
Young Friends (college age to 30)			
—Collected	127		100
—Expended	100	27	(100)
Yearly Meeting Session— Net Collected	1,644		
Expended	1,423	221	(450)
Other Items*		-0-	275
NON-BUDGETED RECEIPTS:			
Friends in the Orient—Contrib. ..	789		
—Net returned from prior grant ..	655		
—To F.W.C. for Travel Fund	(200)	1,244	0
Quaker Youth Pilgrimage— Received	200		
Expended	200	0	0
Totals	\$12,319	\$11,300	
DISBURSEMENTS			
BUDGETED ITEMS:			
Bulletin—Expenditures	\$4,448		
—Contributions Received	3,382	\$ 1,066	\$ 1,400
Junior Yearly Meeting— Expenditures	484		
Contributions Received	352	132	200
Representatives, Officers, Chairmen			
Travel—Representatives, Officers, Chairmen		2,314	2,800

Clerk's Travel Fund	140	400	
Expenses of Clerk, Secretary, Treasurer	193	1,250	
Insurance, Legal & Incorporation Committees—	150	250	
Discipline	0	100	
Education	44	500	
Finance	7	10	
History	0	150	
Ministry and Oversight	641	800	
Peace, incl. conf. travel— regular	335	335	
Prior Year Budget Usage * ..	175	175	
Social Order, incl. Race Rel. Conf.	0	200	
Visitation	250	200	
New Ways of Bringing Friends Together *	81	100	
Conference Travel Expense:			
Plan "A" Regular:			
Friends World Comm. for Consultation (Reserve)	500	500	
A.F.S.C.	250	250	
F.C.N.L. (Reserve)	250	250	
Friends United Meeting (Reserve)	80	80	
Friends General Conference ..	250	125	
Plan "B" Irregular:			
Miscellaneous Reserve (Clerk's Travel Fund)	500	500	
Guilford Conference Reserve ..	250	250	
Support of Friends Organizations:			
Young Friends Committee of North America	25	25	
Friends World Committee (incl. Race Rel. Conf.)	350	350	
Friends World Committee (U.N. Program)	100	100	
NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURES:			
Mississippi Burned Church Reconstruction:			
Project Expenditures	\$ 880		
Contributions Received	650	230	
Totals		\$ 8,313	\$11,300

*The budget adopted at the 9th Session, 1965 was modified, in effect, at the 10th Session to recognize the existence and contemplated activity of Young Friends (college age to 30); August Representative Committee authorized Peace Committee expenditure of \$175 of 1964-65 unused funds; and Executive Committee authorized travel expense for "New Ways" Committee, set up arbitrarily at \$100 in this report.

1966 STATISTICAL REPORT

The 41 Meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting reported a total of 1,635 members as of June 1, 1966. In addition, 144 other Friends were attending our Meetings, 35 of these being sojourning members. There were 1,272 children under the care of the Meetings, 801 of whom were junior members. The increase in membership was due to ten junior members who became adult members, 77 transfers from other Meetings, and 70 who joined by conviction. Losses came from the death of 14 members, the transfer of 59, and the withdrawal or release of 29 others.

Thirty-one Meetings had First Day Schools this past year, and 23 reported regular reading of the Queries. One hundred twenty-five members participated in AFSC work camps, projects, or committees.

Ten Meetings have been studying **No Time But This Present**, five mentioned a study of Vietnam, and four have used **A New China Policy**. Other studies have been on Quakerism, the Queries and Advices, Quaker view of man, the Peace Testimony, American Indians, the

world's great religions, statements by members on "What I Believe," drugs, handicaps, and uses of leisure.

Books and pamphlets that have been used are: **Old Testament**, **Rufus Jones Speaks to Our Time**, **Friends for the Next 300 Years** by James, **A Guide to Faith and Practice** by Rachel Cadbury, **Building the Institutions of Peace** by J. D. Wood, **Preparation for Worship** by Green, **Harold Loukes' Readiness for Religion and Friends and Their Children**, **George Fox's Journal**, and **Current Trends in Our Economy: Their Implications for the AFSC Community Relations Program**.

Twelve Meetings have sponsored or co-sponsored public Meetings on Vietnam. Other public meetings and events included the United Nations; a Hiroshima vigil; peace; China; Selma, Alabama; FCL pancake breakfast; Stuart Innerst on the real meaning of Christmas; a peace seminar on a university campus; an FCL meeting about legislators' activities; and a session for those interested in becoming conscientious objectors. In addition, the Meetings sponsored a number of AFSC speakers.

Four Meetings reported holding Quaker Dialogues and four the writing of letters to government officials. Three participated in vigils, three held a weekly vigil and prayer for peace in Vietnam, and three sponsored Peace Caravan visits. Other activities included: CO counseling, Friends' schools, student loan fund, AFSC sewing, annual frugal meal to raise money for food for Vietnam, Christmas tree with gifts of service for Meeting members, formation of a new AFSC program committee, meeting for parents of teenagers, entertainment of two Job Corps boys, book collection for Friends World College, cooperation in a UN festival, entertainment of Peace Pilgrim, sacrificial meal for UNICEF, material aids sent to Seoul Meeting for their ex-leper colony, Christmas message sent to other churches in the area, Meeting retreat, nine tons of school supplies sent to Algeria, cloth picture scrap books sent to Venezuela, Meeting camp-outs, and oversight of four weddings.

—MILDRED BURCK, *Statistical Secretary*

CHORAL SINGING

As an experiment at this Yearly Meeting, about forty Friends joined their talents in music and worked on several choruses from Mendelssohn's "Elijah." They gathered before dinner and gloried in the inspired music. The experience was rewarding because of the exceptional abilities of the chorus director and accompanist, the wide age range of the singers, the cooperation of other Friends who cared for babies so parents might sing, and the speed with which the group read the music and merged into a unified chorus.

Several Friends asked to have the "Elijah" become a regular aspect of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Others suggested we try other religious choruses also. All agreed we must try some choral work next year. With advance planning, we could tackle more difficult works. Any Friends who wish to register their desires on this should write to me.

—MARY ETTER
2815 Elinor, Eugene, Oregon 97403

QUAKER FAMILY PROBLEMS

Approximately 175 adults and young people met to consider problems the Quaker family

faces today, an interest group set up by the PYM Education Committee. Workshops were held on the topics, Drugs and Alternatives, Relationships Within the Family, Personal Pacifism, and The Place of Sex in Our Lives.

One group considering family relationships explored the confusing and changing roles of men and women today, when men's work, for the most part no longer physical, can be, and frequently is, done by women; and when men, since the "expanded family" of aunts and grandmothers no longer exists, usually help in the work at home. Is a reversal of traditional roles necessary to accept in today's world?

The group also discussed the vexing question of how to maintain, in ourselves and in our children, a sense of values that differs from that of the surrounding community. We cannot isolate ourselves, and yet we need a sense of community with other like-minded families. Monthly and Yearly Meetings and other Friends gatherings are of some help, but only in a limited way.

In the workshop on drugs, a variety of vantage points was represented: Young Friends who had experienced their own "trips" with LSD and "pot," those who hungered for the extra dimension in awareness which the controlled use of drugs may bring, skeptical questioners, the understanding psychiatrist and physicians sharing pros and cons growing from concerned involvement with users of drugs. Among the questions that emerged to be struggled with were: Why do people turn to consciousness-expanding drugs? Are drugs a valid shortcut to freshness of insight and depth of experience? How is their use related to sexual problems and to our society's condemnation of pleasurable experiences? What happens when one faces "reality" twenty-four hours a day?

The pressures of our affluent, materialistic society sharpen and heighten our legitimate hungers, sometimes making them more difficult to cope with than were the stringent realities of the depression years. We were reminded that man's sense of oneness with God and man is renewed in many ways—through music, art, friendship, bodily exercise, rest, and "the little bit of madness" we each need for sanity and survival.

At the gathering of the whole interest group, a statement by Harvey House was read, which says in part: "Striving on the one hand to live according to the peace testimony, in a manner which avoids the occasion for all wars; and striving also to live the free and permissive life (even under discipline), introduces strains . . . The wonder is that there is any family holding together at all."

ONE YOUNG FRIEND'S YEARLY MEETING

My worship-fellowship group, the adult meetings I chose to attend, the time I took for playing with the kids, all made my Yearly Meeting unique. My individual choices about missing some of the group action, but finding my own individual action (or inaction) and special interaction with others, make this not a report on Young Friends, but one Young Friend's look at what we shared.

Sunday night we had our first meeting. We saw who we were, introduced ourselves, and discovered that most of us, because of shyness, too much humility, or perhaps just apathy, weren't willing to put ourselves out to work on committees. After some individual consideration, and some discussion the following day, volunteers were found and our committees started functioning.

Monday at our scheduled business meeting, our small amount of business and our Clerk's ability to help us through it, left us with time for singing on the lawn and a game of volleyball. That evening Foy Van Dolsen helped us discover and relate first to ourselves and then to each other.

Because of our "unprogrammedness" and workable size, we could take advantage of opportunities, situations and moods as they arose. We soon found that what appeared on the schedule was not necessarily what happened. We were able to participate in a wide range of activities with both the adults and the Junior Yearly Meeting.

Tuesday morning time was set aside for a discussion of concerns. We varied from the ever-present topic of communication to anger, its uses and techniques of dealing with it. Our silent hike of Tuesday afternoon, as one Young Friend put it, "wasn't a tremendously unifying experience, but it showed our awkwardness and brought us quietly closer together."

Listening Tuesday evening with some of what I call the "weighty Quakes" of Pacific Yearly Meeting proved especially important to many of us. I appreciated their ability to articulate their insights. The next day with Henry Cadbury I was happy to rediscover that old Quakers are not necessarily staid Quakers.

Wednesday evening, after enjoying the varied talents of some of the Young and Junior Friends, we participated in an innovation at Yearly Meeting: a huge finger painting. Squishing around barefoot and with our hands was an easy means of expression, and most of all, fun. After this we went our separate ways for volleyball, dancing, singing, and the adult meeting. We didn't meet again as a group. Each of us had his own special good-byes to say as we look toward a possible silent retreat during the winter, and next year at Claremont Men's College.

—JUDY BRUFF, *Whitleaf Meeting*

MY FIRST YEARLY MEETING

When I used to teach Freshman English and asked the class to write five hundred words on "Who Am I?" at least one student would be unnerved, and most would find it far more difficult than an analytic or argumentative essay. When I began sorting out and organizing my impressions of Yearly Meeting I thought of those old students with new sympathy, for my relation to the Society is like theirs to me as well as mine to them—each of us both ministers and is ministered to; and, in order to understand my responses to Yearly Meeting, I had first to ask questions as searching as theirs: Why am I a Friend? What difference does belonging to the Society make to my life? Is there some ultimate good for man? If so, what role does the Society play in helping me and others reach it? Finally, in this personal framework, what does Yearly Meeting do that Quarterly and Monthly Meetings cannot?

I applied for membership in the Society be-

cause I found that what I disliked least in myself came most often to the fore when I was among Friends, that, in Robert Barclay's more positive terms, the good in me was raised up. How? By the example of certain lives, acceptance by the Meeting, and openings for service which, by carrying me into the life of the Meeting, liberated dormant powers and made it possible to help others grow. Man's true felicity, religious writers agree, is knowing and being known by God. Barclay maintained that this can be done only by the Spirit, and for many of us the path of the Spirit runs through the hearts of our fellows.

At the third session of Yearly Meeting Catharine Bruner quoted Isaiah to describe the function of Ministry and Oversight: to "Make straight in the desert a highway for our God," which implies that He is pressing upon us and that we shall know Him if we can open ourselves. During the final Meeting for Worship many of us were deeply moved by the testimonies of Leyton Jump, Stephen Lohmann and oth-

ers whom the Spirit had touched. For most the path was less vivid; but everyone, I felt, contributed to and drew from our sense of loving community; the families who came together, dispersed, and regrouped with members of the larger Meeting family; the couples who vibrated through groups and returned to each other; and the individuals who joined and helped form constellation after constellation.

When we Quakers get together we are different from the professional conventions I have attended where the apex in the triangular relationship between people is professional accomplishment and position rather than the Spirit of God, and where the atmosphere is of buying and selling rather than sharing. We are a minority group, one of the smallest, and like other minorities we think and talk a good deal about ourselves and our history. We are more fortunate than many for there are not great numbers of us in need, we do not feel specially drawn to any particular geographical area ("A Christian's native country is wherever God calls him"), and the rest of society generally respects us and permits us to serve where and as we are led. Still, few of us are so assured of the presence of God that we can stand alone; and it is in fostering the growth of a loving community from which we can all draw strength for individual unfolding and opening that I see the chief function of Yearly Meeting. Though the Monthly Meeting is properly our basic unit, those Friends from smaller, relatively isolated Meetings and those who have moved to areas without Meetings are an inspiration to urban Friends, who see little of them except at Yearly Meeting.

To reach Yearly Meeting I drove up Highway 5 alone; after its formal sessions were over, I drove down the Oregon coast with old and dear friends from the North with whom I stayed in the home of a new friend from my Worship-Fellowship group. An old highway was widened and a new one opened.

—JOHN FEIL, *San Francisco Meeting*

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NEW EDITOR: Except for the special issue on Friends and the Arts, this Yearly Meeting BULLETIN is the last one to be edited by Virginia Harris. Beginning on October 1, the BULLETIN will be edited by Alice Dart, 2635 Emerald Street, Eugene, Oregon 97403.

NEWS NOTES

HENRY CADBURY. Profoundly affecting the 1966 Pacific Yearly Meeting, both through his talks to adults and to Junior Friends, and through his radiant presence among us, was our Friend Henry Cadbury. Any report of Yearly Meeting is incomplete without taking this into account. However, instead of summarizing his speeches and comments here, it seems more appropriate to print the complete text of his "Christian and/or Quaker" talks in a later issue. Meanwhile, those who would like to hear the tapes made of them may write to Larry Perry, Gerri House, or Alice Dart. (See addresses in Register.)

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MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO VIETNAM. Following on the concern minuted at Pacific Yearly Meeting, Peace Committee Chairman Stuart Innerst writes that on August 26 the Canadian Friends Service Committee sent out an appeal for "antibiotics and anti-malarial drugs which will be sent to South Vietnam, North Vietnam (Hanoi), and National Liberation Front areas." Distribution will be handled by Quakers in South Vietnam, by the Red Cross in the other two areas. Checks should be sent to the CFSC at 60 Lowther Ave., Toronto 5, Ont., Canada.

The Peace Committee has inquired of the CFSC specifically what drugs and other supplies are desired and how they are to be packaged, for the information of those who prefer to send parcels instead of money. Monthly Meeting Peace Chairmen will be notified as soon as an answer is received.

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VISITORS TO PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING included:

- Samuel and Clarissa Cooper, formerly of Mount Holly (N.J.) Monthly Meeting.
- Doris Darnell, American Friends Service Committee.
- Kezia and Joseph Kakai, East Africa Yearly Meeting.
- Morris and Evangeline Kimber, California Yearly Meeting.
- Winslow and Ruth Osborne, New England Yearly Meeting.
- Theodora Peters, Southampton (Pa.) Monthly Meeting.
- Edward and Bonnie Snyder and family, Adelphi (Md.) Monthly Meeting and Friends Comm. on National Legislation.
- Anne Taylor, Moorestown (N.J.) Monthly Meeting and Friends World Institute.
- Akio and Nobuko Watanabe, Japan Yearly Meeting.

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ATTENDANCE AT 1966 YEARLY MEETING totaled 652 as of Tuesday evening, August 16. This figure included 331 adults, 38 Young Friends, 87 Senior High and 72 Junior High Friends, and 124 children.

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LOST AND FOUND at Yearly Meeting at Linfield College: articles are in the possession of Ellen Hubbe, 880 16th Ave. W., Eugene, Oregon 97401.

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THE REGISTER of Friends in attendance at Yearly Meeting, along with the directory of the Meetings, will be published in the October, 1966 issue.

NEWS OF FRIENDS**BIRTHS**

—On August 19, to FREDA AND IVOR CATT (Phoenix Meeting), a daughter, Diana Mansfield.

MARRIAGES

WARN-BARNETT—On August 6, in Honolulu Meeting House, Molly Barnett, daughter of Arthur and Virginia Barnett (University Meeting) and Eric Warn.

THOMAS-SELKER—On September 11, Diane Selker, daughter of Allan and Lisa Selker (Tacoma Meeting) and John Charles Thomas, under care of Tacoma Meeting. The bride and groom are members of Cleveland Meeting and will make their home in Cleveland, Ohio, where they are both university students.

DEATHS

—In August, PHYLLIS BASTIN (Santa Cruz Meeting), formerly of Minneapolis Meeting.

—RENDA LINDLEY (Honolulu Meeting) has returned from a year's work in Nepal for the Tom Dooley Foundation. She is working at the Children's Hospital Laboratory in Honolulu.

—STRATTON JACQUETTE (Honolulu Meeting) has a National Science Foundation fellowship for graduate study in industrial engineering at Stafford University.

JEFF GRITZNER (Phoenix Meeting) spent the summer in Sweden in a Community Service Seminar.

JAMES NEWTON (Phoenix) is going to Spain for an Experiment in International Living.

—JOHN ACCORD is currently doing his two years of alternative service at the Veterans Hospital in Livermore, California. His address is 520 Abbie St., Apt. 2, Pleasanton, Calif.

—OVER FIFTY FRIENDS of the northwest met with others at the Northwest Regional AFSC Retreat in September "to share a precious chance to stand aside from daily routine and give thoughtful reflection to the work we feel called to do." A new opening is help to families who are leaving the migrant labor stream and settling permanently in Oregon.

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